

McCone, Former AEC Head, Due to Replace Dulles as Chief of CIA

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Odds on McCone

Jfk Set to Name New CIA Head

NEWPORT, R. I., Sept. 27 (UPI)—President Kennedy is almost ready to announce his choice of a new director of Central Intelligence, replacing Allen W. Dulles, authoritative sources said today.

The man most frequently mentioned to replace him was John A. McCone, who served from 1958 until early this year as chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Sources here and in Washington cautiously conceded that the former AEC chairman, a Republican industrialist, seemed close to being named.

The President and his wife flew here from New York yesterday for a holiday at the Tuckers estate of Mrs. Kennedy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. Auchincloss, on Narragansett Bay.

No sooner had a helicopter deposited the Kennedys on the lawn of the Auchincloss estate than the Newport White House erupted in a torrent of announcements and statements in the President's



JOHN A. MCCONE

But there were unmistakable signs here and in New York and Washington that Mr. McCone was under such serious consideration that his appointment might be announced today.

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depart under fire and he agreed to stay until this fall.

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Mr. McCone, altho a Republican, is highly regarded by Mr. Kennedy and his chief advisers. The former AEC chairman has seen the President several times recently. He has been a strong advocate of U. S. atomic test resumption since Russia broke the moratorium which had existed since October, 1958.

Mr. McCone, 59, a San Francisco industrialist was reported in Washington last night.

He was Under Secretary of the Air Force in 1950-51 under former President Truman. During World War II, Mr. McCone headed the California Shipbuilding Corp., which produced 47 ships valued at about \$100 million.

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